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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

**Response to Amendment**

The reply filed on August 16, 2004 fails to comply with current amendment practice because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The claims in the listing fail to properly show all changes or otherwise fail to use the most recent claim copy as the starting basis. For instance, the entered amendment, filed on October 23, 2003 contained the language "a first acute angled bend" in claim 1 in line 9 and "a second unequal, acute angled bend" in claim 1 in lines 10 and 11. Now, the language is not there. If applicant deleted the language, applicant needs to indicate this change via strikethrough. Furthermore, the examiner noted that the deletions "generally horizontal" in line 3 of claims 3 and 4 in the amendment filed on October 23, 2003, are showing as not being deleted in the claims now submitted. Furthermore, claim 10 in the current version fails to include language that was added in the previous version of the claim. For example, the language "the outside wall and underlying top plate, the roof rafter, and the frieze boards or blocking respectively" in lines 3-5 were added in the last amendment and now the language is not included. There is no indication that the language in claim 10 was deleted in the current version of the amendment. Applicant is urged to compare the prior version to the current version in the rest of the claims. See 37 CFR 1.121.

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Moreover, the alphabetic delineation in claim 1 fails to properly indicate all changes made since items c and d do not correspond to prior versions of the claim.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

### **Conclusion**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ernesto Garcia whose telephone number is 703-308-8606. The examiner can normally be reached from 9:30-6:00. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9326 for regular communications and 703-872-9327 for After Final communications.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel P. Stodola can be reached on 703-308-2686. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or

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